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To: Elgin City Council  
From: Kevin Cooper, 2010 Coordinator  
RE: Progress Report for August, 1994

August was a very good month for 2010 activities. We had a grant awarded by the US Forest Service, work began on the downtown park, and another grant was submitted for second phase improvements to the downtown park. In addition, six members of Elgin 2010 were formally invited to participate in the Rural Futures Forum which begins this month.

The City of Elgin was recently awarded a grant from the US Forest Service to provide engineering services and develop a marketing plan for an industrial park outside of Elgin. The grant will pay for engineering needed to extend sewer lines across Phillips Creek and loop water lines behind the mill. This will provide the needed water volumes and pressure for fire protection at Oregon Log and Fiber and allow for industrial expansion across the highway from the Stampede Grounds. The grant will also pay for developing a comprehensive economic development strategy for recruiting businesses to Elgin. Both parts of the project should be completed by May, 1995.

The 2010 Committee began planting shrubs and trees at the downtown park. They are also making progress on brick sales. Several other noticeable improvements are planned for this month.

A grant was submitted to the Regional Strategies program to pay for a new rest room at the downtown park. If approved, construction will likely begin in the spring of 1995. The park will also include information signs on the Elgin area including recreational activities and points of interest.

Six members of the 2010 Committee have been invited to attend the next session of the Rural Futures Forum. This program will train participants in making changes in the community and helping them work together as a team. The six people attending are Olga Grant, Ray McVey, Maureen Smolkowski, LaVeta Botz, Ron Brand, and myself. These six members will join 41 other people from 8 other rural communities from Oregon. They will meet for three days each month from September, 1994 to January, 1995. The tuition, meals, and lodging are paid for by Rural Development Initiatives, Inc. as part of their agreement to assist Elgin in its strategic development.